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Former CIA case officer John R. Stockwell analyzes the CIA in relationship to George Bush and world affairs. Bush's history with the CIA is presented, and his attitudes toward handling affairs of state with covert actions abroad and
curtailing dissent at home are assessed. John then reviews the CIA covert actions which are in progress around the world. He also evaluates the devastating effects which the CIA sponsored war in Afghanistan had on that country and its people, leaving the country in such a state of political turmoil and destruction that it is doomed to many years of further bloodshed.

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bunt in and the only one that got any remarkable coverage and the peace community are the presses Nicaragua and it was by no means the biggest in terms of money or in terms of lives lost now with with the the Vaseline president we're going to have the situation working where we may not have that infusion of energy from the White House from the Congress giving us the ammunition for our debates and rallies and a rallying point for the Peace Corps a little bit harder for us to be sure what's happening in in given countries the sort of thing where it may come out five years later like like Chad with Woodward's coverage coming out you know years later what was that about well back in the early 80s Woodward's work Vale there was some coverage at the time Time Newsweek but the CIA put two consecutive invasions our forces together from the Sudan to move into Chad to take power to counter Qaddafi and and and his forces coming down from from Libya at the time it was happening you don't get the coverage you don't it they keep it secret if they want to the Afghani operation is the biggest one in the history of the CIA and they managed to divert biggest in every sense including the fact the largest heroin smuggling ring left behind and they managed to to keep it from not

secret but keep it from being a focal point of debate for the six major years that it was run how could have been bigger than Vietnam well Vietnam was a CIA operation for years before the army came in and Vietnam became the Vietnam war with a US Army US Air Force billions of dollars Laos had always been cited as the CIA's biggest war Vietnam became an overt war Laos remained a CI secret war and the hundreds of millions of dollars they're supported with Air Force bombing and everything but Afghanistan is they

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everything but Afghanistan is they haven't published the figure I've never been able to find anyone who confident like the archives national security archives got Armstrong in Washington a solid figure on how much they've spent in Afghanistan dan but it's in the billions let's latest in the history let's go into Afghanistan in some detail I read in the New York Times just this morning that the Reagan administration was bragging that they refused to compromise with the Soviet Union to pull out their support for the Afghan rebels in exchange for the Soviets pulling out so let's see who the US actually was supporting in Afghanistan over the last years what of the rebel forces how they were supporting them and what the effects of this have already been and might be as we now are moving to a new era for Afghanistan that could be total chaos looks like the Lebanon ization of Afghanistan yeah all these different groups there's all these different rebel groups who is the u.s. supporting out of the whole spectrum I bet I saw him on TV yesterday there was a guy they found who spoke good English he was clean-shaven and looked like all likes eyesight type from the Philippines they I'm going to hedge a little bit because this is not an area of my primary expertise and I have not been able to travel there and look at it like I did Nicaragua and El Salvador and Angola and all of that but it you essentially have it we do have it we the the Admiral Turner when when I debated him at Colby College he cited he was boasting about that coded action that he had started it and citing it as an example of a successful covert operation they said it in motion and then eventually it led to the Soviets having to withdraw their troops the game that they're playing essentially the u.s. the parallel Vietnam it is significant we invaded they invaded our

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significant we invaded they invaded our bar each created governments that invited us in so to speak the difference is in the break up of course at the NLF would not compromise in Vietnam the the Thom Polgara scandal we've talked about before the chief of station hoping they would give the u.s. a break and they had no reason to they had the u.s. down and and and we're going to humiliate us as effectively as they could this is essentially what Reagan is doing in Afghanistan but the difference is that in Vietnam the other side had had created a very cohesive force - in an orderly way to move in and take power and administrate and run the country the NLF and Hanoi and the government and everything what we've been doing in Afghanistan is just pure and simple shotgun destabilization funding anybody that's got a group giving them arms through Pakistan every kind of group as you say the Lebanese a ssin so that now we where we've won in the sense that that Reagan is crowing and Turner is growing and Carter is growing he's you heard that on a news yesterday that his policies had been vindicated and all of that and the Russians are pulling out admitting that they made a big mistake in fact they're probably being more candid than we were when we pulled out of Vietnam right we tried to say was an honorable this and everything they're just saying flat we made a mistake tragic mistake but we have not created a force our government or movement or anything that believes in anything to step into the vacuum I debated our I thought I was going to debate an Afghani professor at the world affairs conference in Boulder last year and who because he was paid working for the VOA and US propaganda arm so I presumed he was bought and paid for and he kept telling me you know just let me finish my Senate so to speak

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